Lynn





Lynn is beautiful inside and out which shows both through her time volunteering at the Pantry and her work as a model! If you were in Chicago a few decades ago you may have spotted Lynn in a 7-up ad that appeared on buses in the city or perhaps her work as a hand, foot, and leg model. But most of her modeling was at conventions where she worked near a number of famous people .. like Raquel Welch and was given 3 of Kim Novak's jobs after Kim left for Hollywood (do you notice they look alike?)

Lynn grew up in a military family which meant she moved 13 times, including several years in Germany. Her family returned to the USA soon after her high school graduation where she settled in downtown Chicago for 35 years. When her parents became ill and needed help, Lynn moved to New Jersey. Hurricane Sandy flooded Lynn's basement, forcing her sister to move out and making her living situation very fragile. After seeing Lynn's plight on her Facebook post, Pat, a friend who helped her break into modeling jobs stepped in the buy the house so that Lynn could live there. Pat is a savior! Lynn lives alone but has the company of her beloved pets and several nearby friends and family.

Like many seniors, it never occurred to Lynn to use the Pantry. Her sister told her about the “senior boxes” - free supplemental food boxes provided to qualifying seniors through Norwescap. Once Lynn began to visit the Pantry she saw how welcoming and engaging the volunteers were. She loves prepared foods that make it easy for her to cook for herself and have leftovers. Lynn also enjoys eggs and fresh produce from the Pantry. She's concerned about her SNAP benefits being cut because that would have a big impact on her. Lynn, with her sharp sense of humor, joked that if her SNAP benefits were reduced, maybe she'd finally lose some weight.

Lynn has a lifetime of volunteer experience and was motivated to help at the Pantry after seeing many of our student volunteers. She loves the opportunity to get out of the house, socialize with other volunteers, feel a sense of accomplishment, and go home with food.

Lynn is Awesome!

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